



A Key Pillar of State Government

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Mission Statement

We provide Utah taxpayers and government officials with an independent assessment of financial operation, statutory compliance, and performance management for state and local government.



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Objective

Be a constitutional watchdog to ensure that taxpayer funds are being spent legally, efficiently, and effectively.



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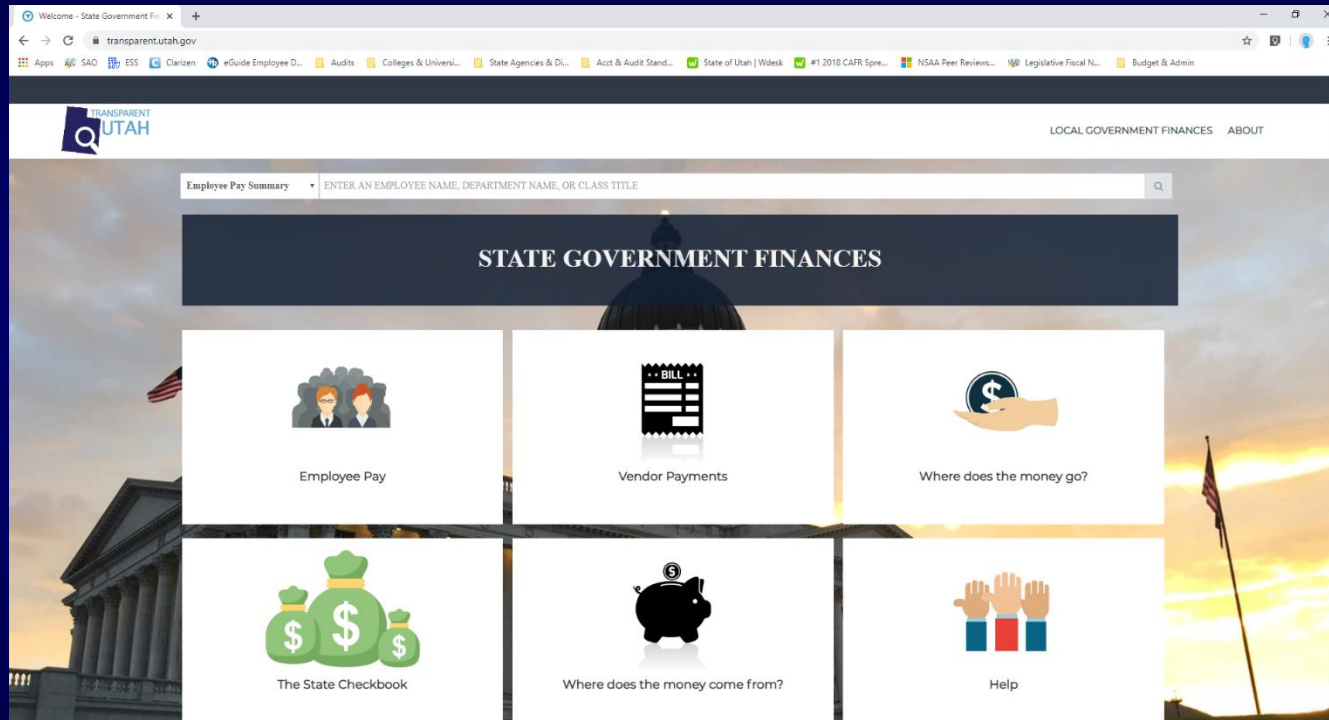
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- Performance Audit & Data Analysis
- Financial Audit
- Local Government Oversight
- Special Projects
- Information Technology Audit



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- Updated State financial information site



- Working to upgrade higher ed and local government financial information site



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Performance Audit & Data Analysis

- Conducts audits that evaluate the efficiency of operations and the effectiveness of programs
- Can also measure operational compliance to given criteria such as:
 - State or federal law,
 - Administrative rule, or
 - Policy.



Performance Audit & Data Analysis

- Performance Audits issued this past year include:
 - UDOC Inmate Placement Program
 - Property & Evidence Storage and Management

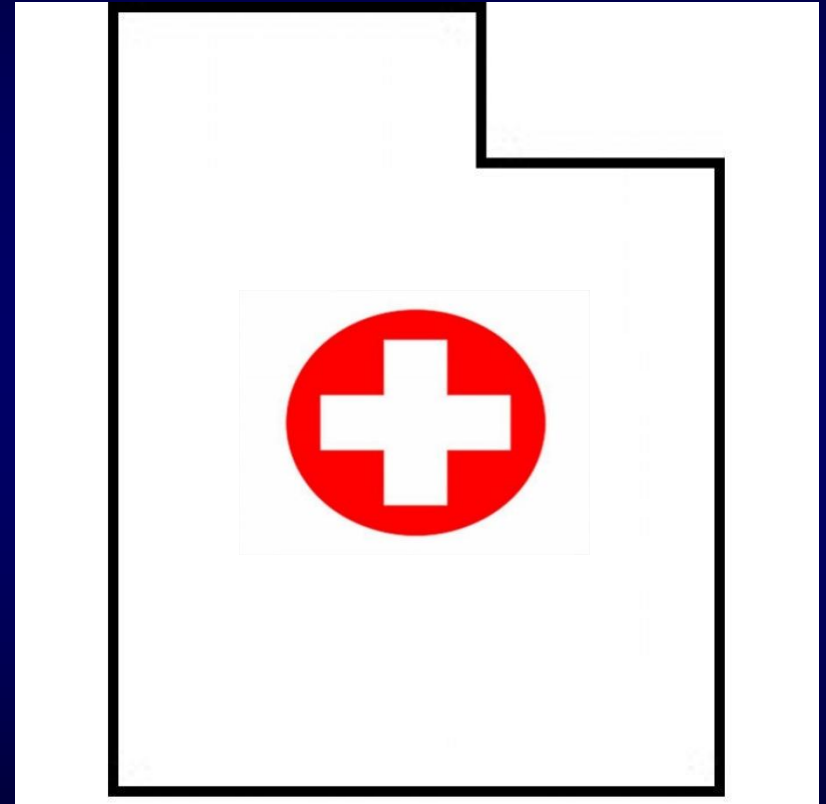
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Healthcare Cost Tool

- Currently, no easy way for most Utah patients and providers to find the price of or expected payment amount for healthcare procedures before receiving care



Healthcare Cost Tool

- Develop a web-based tool to compare the cost of various medical procedures by provider
 - Helps consumers make more informed healthcare decisions
 - Helps doctors inform patients of cost-effective providers



Healthcare Cost Tool



- Studied methodologies and cost tools from other states and organizations
 - New Hampshire
 - Maine
 - Colorado
 - PEHP
 - National Health Cost Institute
- Working with
 - UT Dept. of Health
Office of Health Care Statistics
 - PEHP
- Met with
 - UMA
 - Comagine Health
 - Individual providers
 - Other stakeholders



Healthcare Cost Tool

- Methodology
 - Data from the All-Payer Claims Database
 - Dataset excludes Medicaid and Medicare data
 - Removed outliers
 - Excluded top/bottom 5% of claims for each provider
 - Excluded providers with a low frequency (≤ 10) of a given procedure
 - Excluded providers with a median price $< 25\%$ the average median price
 - Payment amount includes plan-paid, prepaid, copay, coinsurance, and deductible amounts
 - Bundled claims for surgical and imaging procedures to find the total payment amount for the encounter



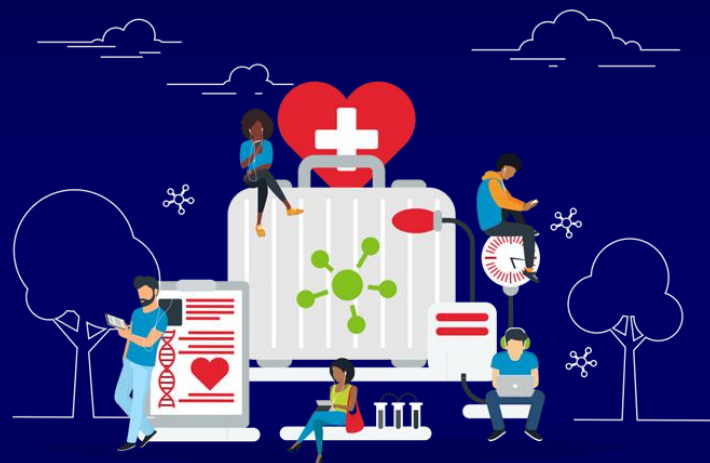
Healthcare Cost Tool

Urine Analysis

- Low cost: \$2
- High cost: \$77

Hip Replacement

- Low cost: \$23,216
- High cost: \$42,347



Utah Health Cost Tool

Use the search boxes below to choose a procedure and view average costs.
You may also search by city, zip code, and/or provider name.

Procedure Name

Colonoscopy

City

(Multiple values)

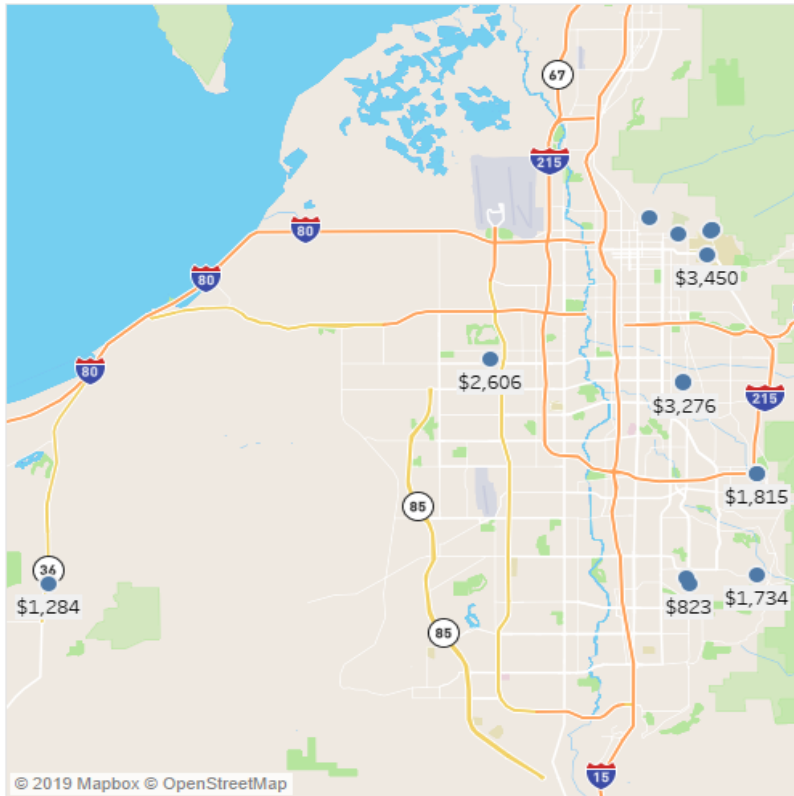
Zip Code

Provider

Statewide Average Cost: **\$2,523**

Lowest Cost in State: **\$823**

Highest Cost in State: **\$6,573**



Provider	City	
Granite Peaks Gastroenterology	Sandy	\$823
Northpointe Surgical Center	West Valley	\$1,284
University Of Utah Hospital	Salt Lake City	\$1,345
Wasatch Endoscopy Center	Sandy	\$1,734
Bountiful Surgery Center	Salt Lake City	\$1,815
Alta View Hospital	Sandy	\$1,917
Utah Surgery Center	Salt Lake City	\$1,926
Lds Hospital	Salt Lake City	\$1,975
Wasatch Front Surgery Center	Salt Lake City	\$2,096
Salt Lake Regional Medical Center	Salt Lake City	\$2,164
University Health Care Hospitals And Cli..	Salt Lake City	\$2,264
Jordan Valley Medical Center - West Vall..	West Valley	\$2,606
St. Mark's Hospital	Salt Lake City	\$3,276
Salt Lake City Veterans Affairs Medical C..	Salt Lake City	\$3,450
Primary Childrens Hospital	Salt Lake City	\$6,573

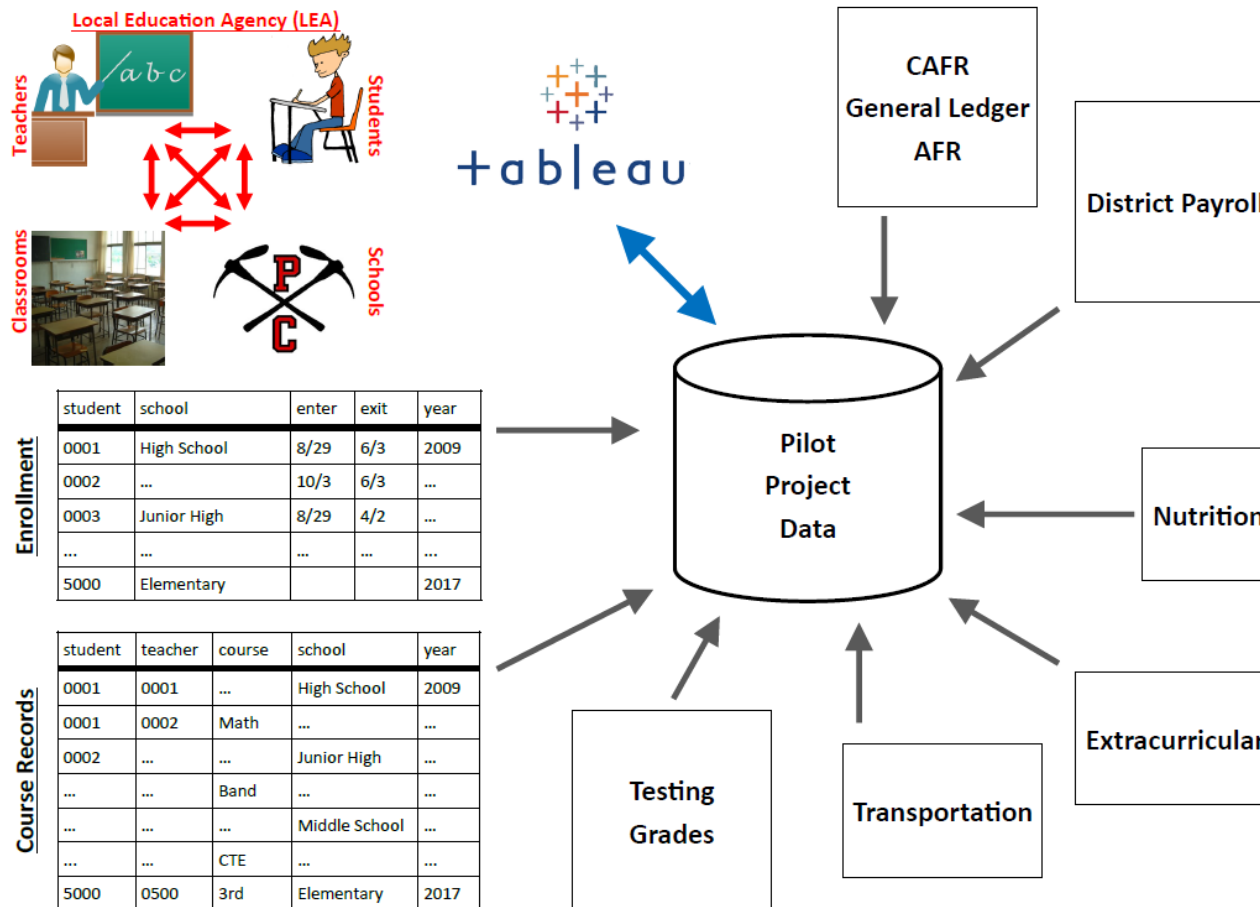


Project KIDS

- Series of data dashboards integrating existing financial, operational, and performance data
- Provides school district personnel with tools to
 - Ask better questions
 - Lead to data-driven decisionmaking



Project KIDS



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Bottom Up, Not Top Down Student Level Expenditure



Expense Category	Amount
Athletics	\$488
Course/Subject:	\$712
District Level Expense:	\$1,200
Nutrition:	\$0.00
Operations, Debt, & Misc.	\$2,300
School Administration	\$2,000
To/From Transportation	\$0.00
Total Teacher Pay	\$5,530
Total Student Expense	\$12,230

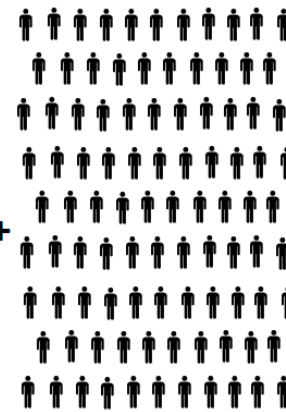
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Expense Category	Amount
Athletics	\$0
Course/Subject:	\$1,000
District Level Expense:	\$1,200
Nutrition:	\$850.00
Operations, Debt, & Misc.	\$2,300
School Administration	\$1,200
SPED:	\$2,920
To/From Transportation	\$715.00
Total Teacher Pay	\$28,000
Total Student Expense	\$38,185

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Expense Category	Amount
Athletics	\$0
Course/Subject:	\$690
District Level Expense:	\$550
Nutrition:	\$85
Operations, Debt, & Misc.	\$1,690
School Administration	\$580
SPED:	\$0
To/From Transportation	\$0
Total Teacher Pay	\$11,100
Total Student Expense	\$14,695

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Total Athletics Expense
Total Course/Subject Expense
Total Transportation Expense
Total Nutrition Expense
Etc.



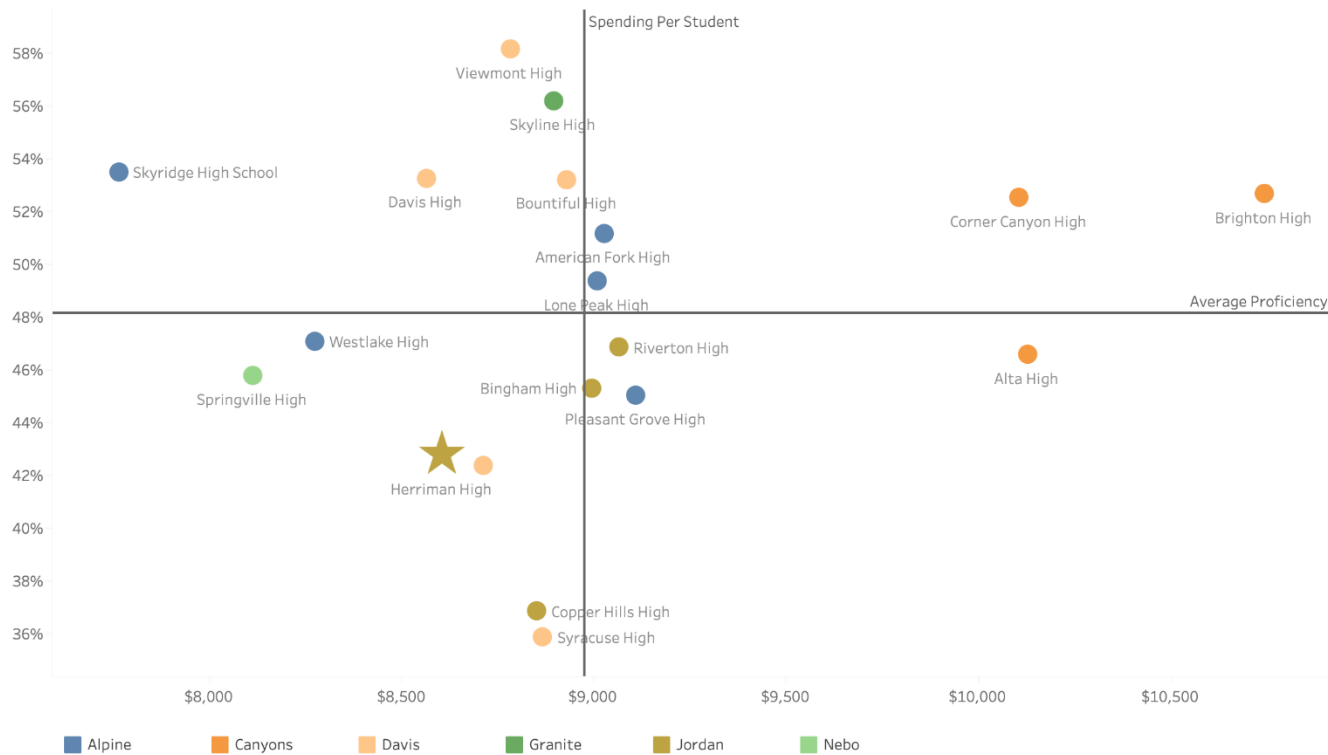
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Herriman High

Student Count
2,887

Average Spending Per Student
\$8,606

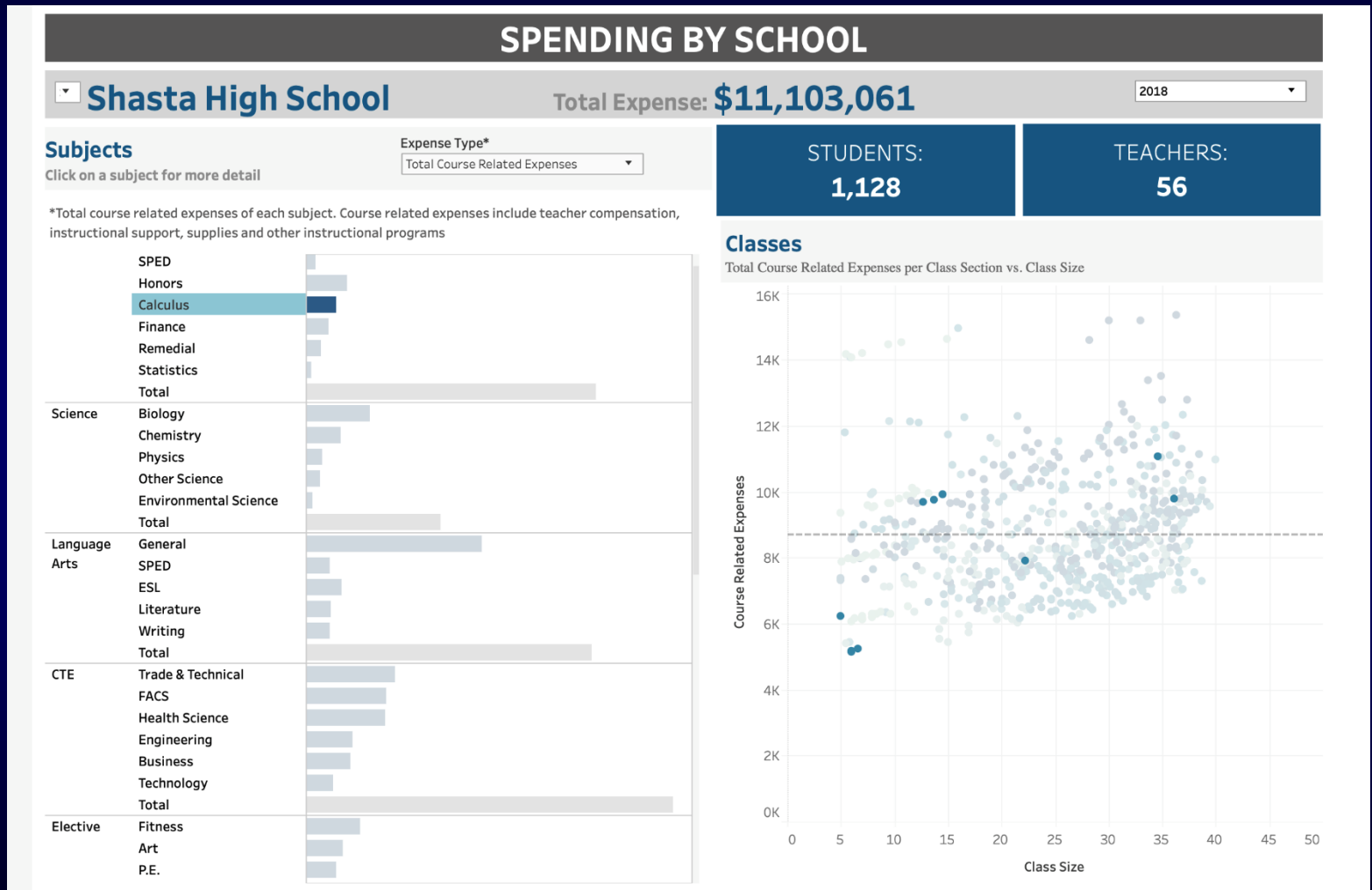
Language Arts Proficiency
43%



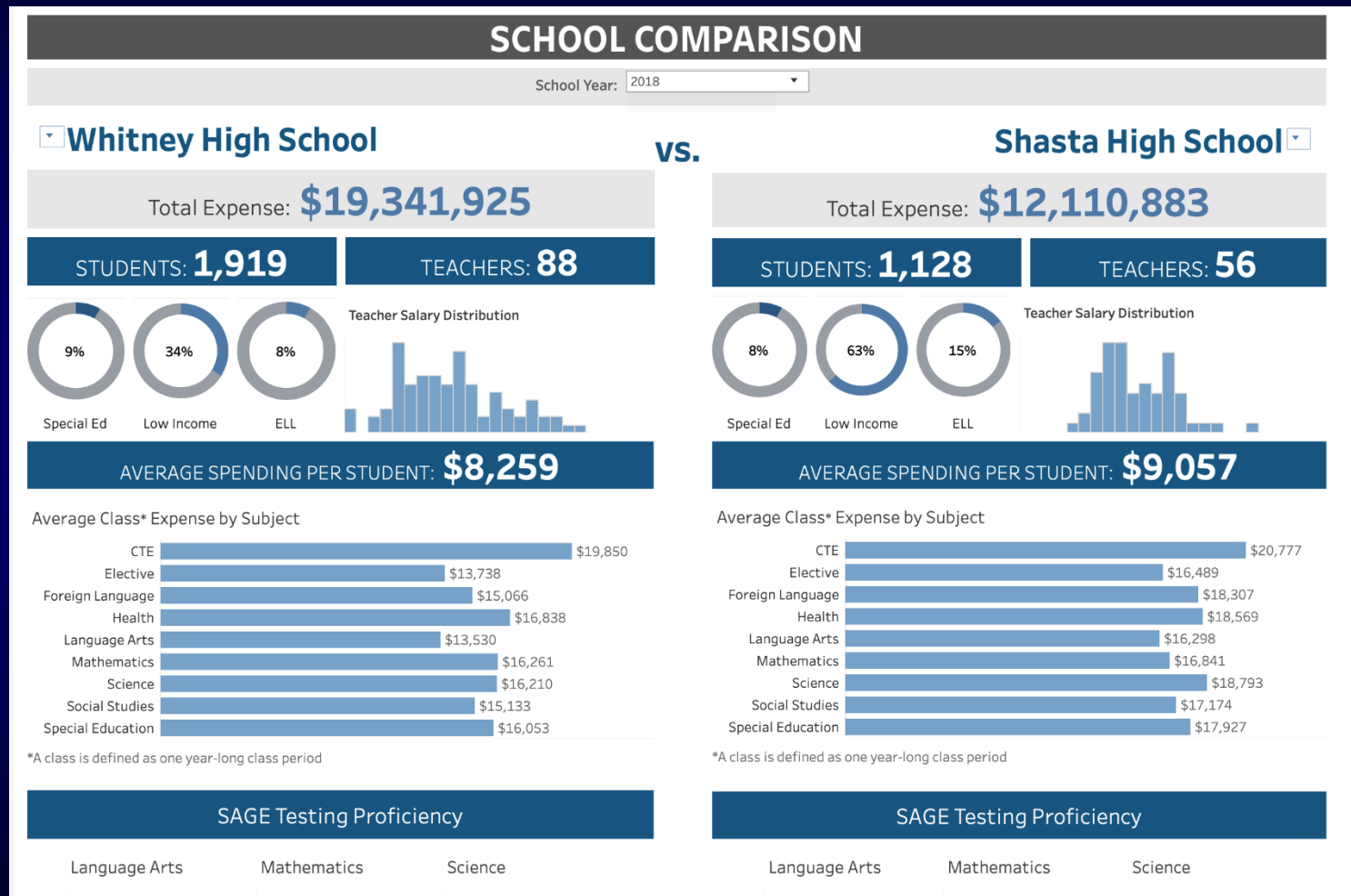
ADDITIONAL NOTES: Top down averages are calculated by dividing a school's total spending in a given year by the number of students. Median spending-per-student numbers are derived from initial Project KIDS research, allocating all expenses down to the student level and calculated from the bottom up. These numbers are subject to change as research is finalized. Please see the Methodology page for more information.



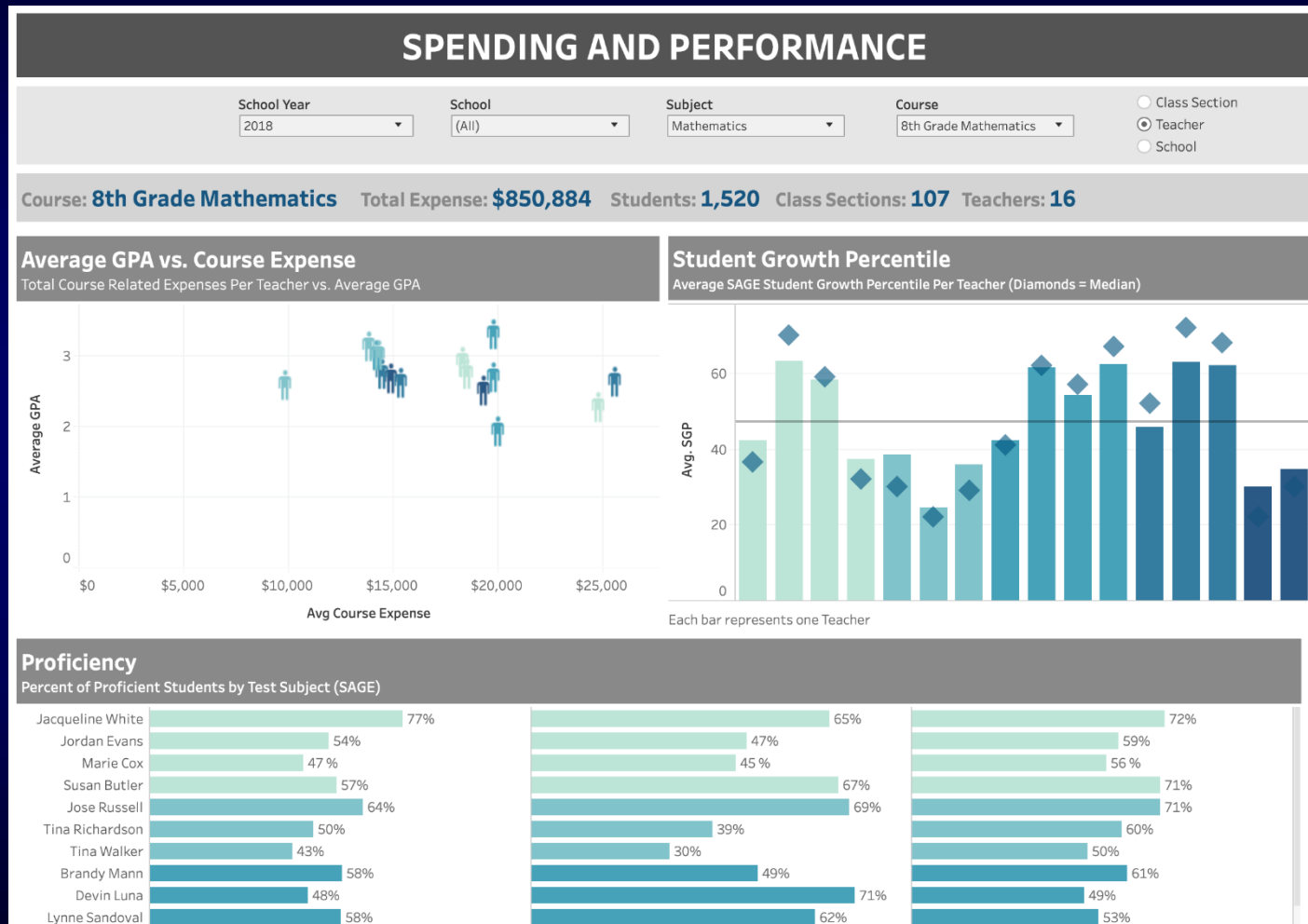
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Financial Audit

- Responsible for auditing all State departments, agencies, and colleges and universities
- Audits both State funds and federal programs



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Financial Audit

- Financial audits are conducted in accordance with:
 - Generally accepted auditing standards,
 - Government Auditing Standards, and the
 - Single Audit Act



Financial Audit

- Approximately 80 reports issued annually
 - 26 Financial Audit Reports
 - 55 Letters to Management, Attestation Reports, and Other Reports

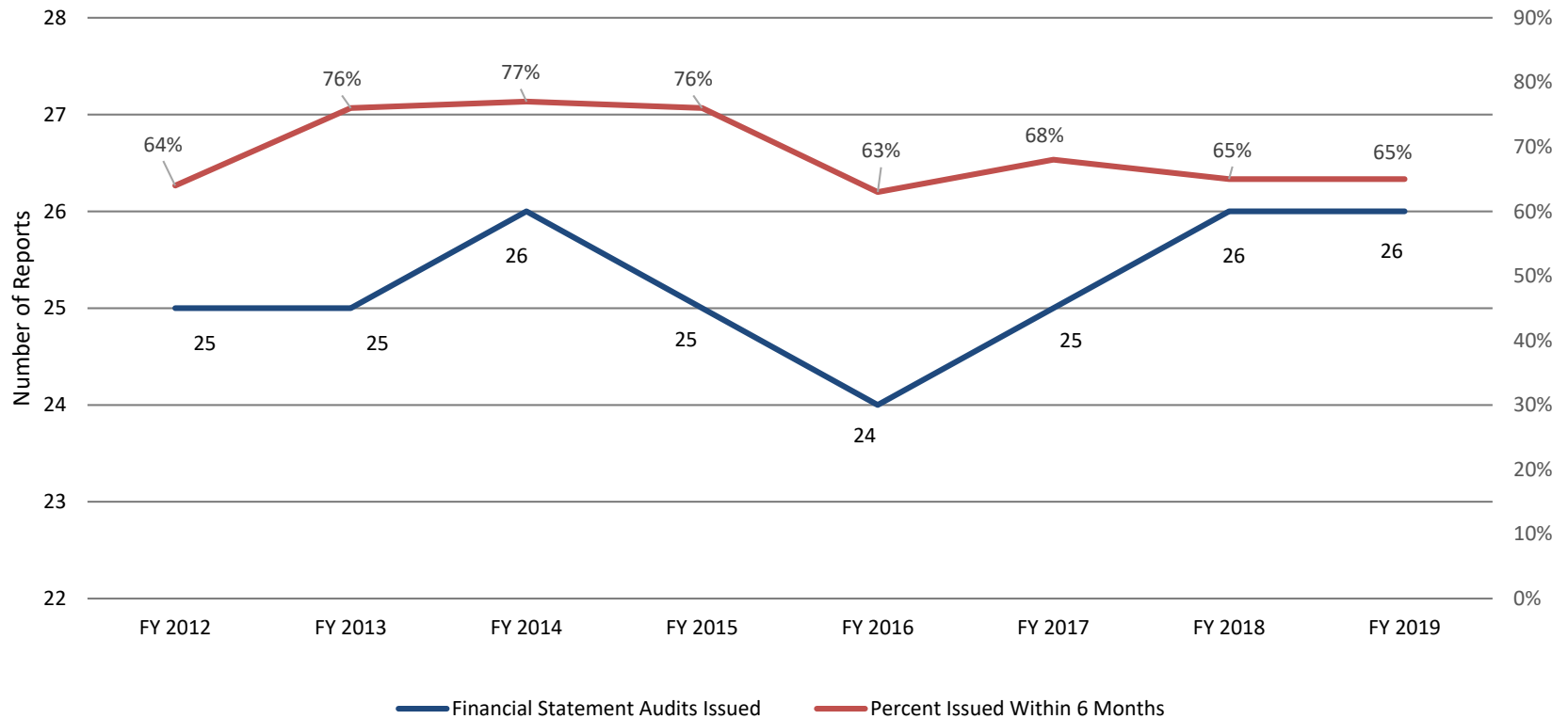
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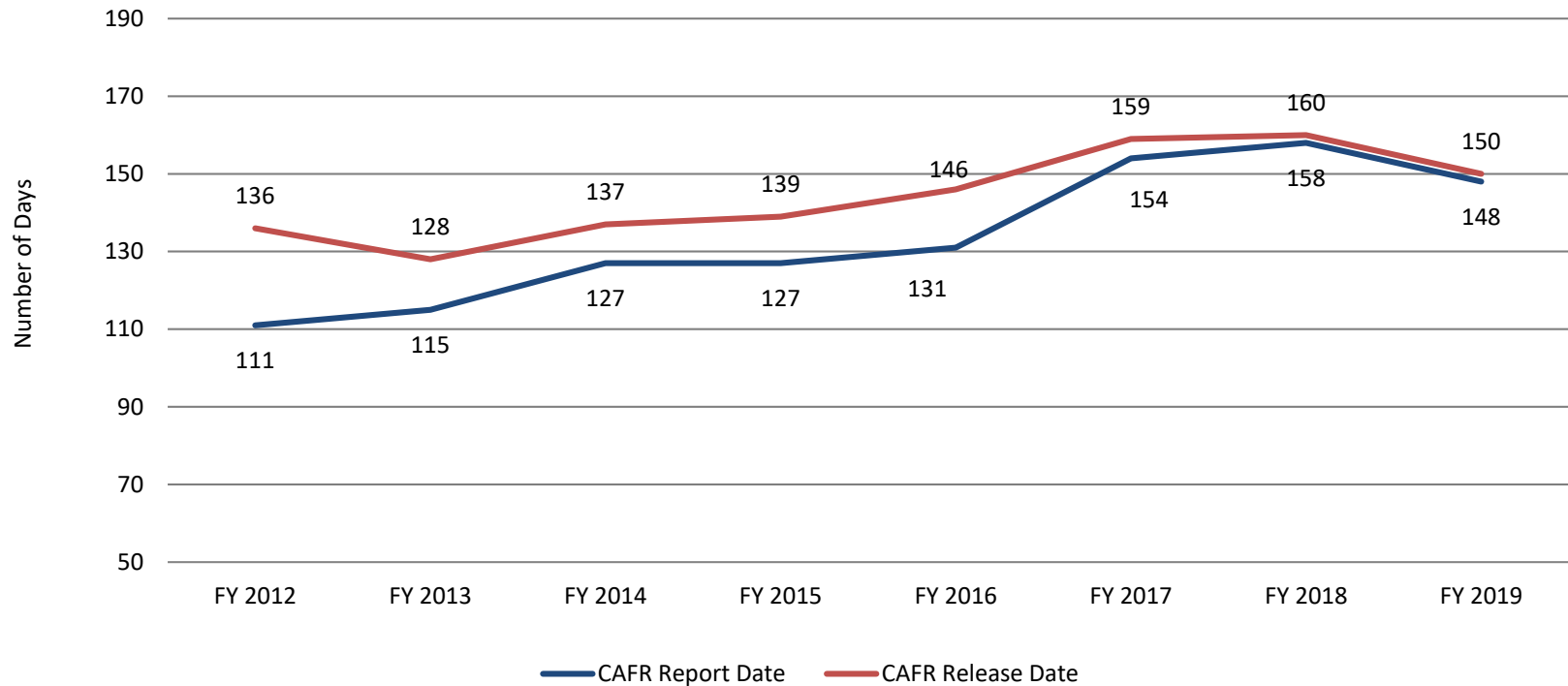
**Annual Financial Statement Audits Completed on a Timely Basis
(Excluding State CAFR)**



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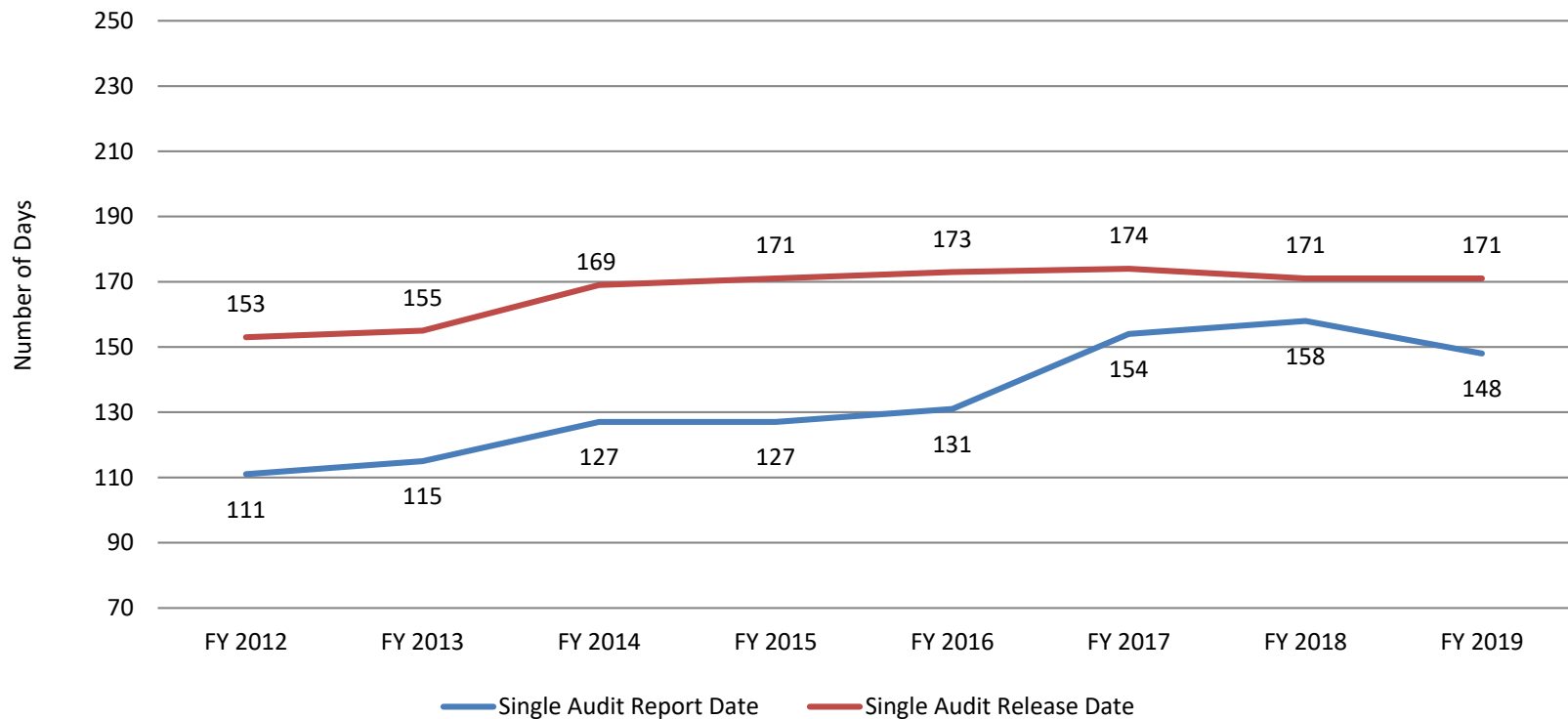
Financial Audit

**Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Timeliness:
Number of Days to Report Date and Release Date**



Financial Audit

**Single Audit Timeliness:
Number of Days to Report Date and Release Date**



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Local Government Oversight

- Local Government Entities Include:
 - 29 Counties
 - 248 Cities and Towns
 - 156 Local Education Agencies (School Districts and Charter Schools)
 - Approximately 500 Conservation, Health, Housing, Interlocal, Local, and Special Service Districts



Local Government Oversight

- Proactive review of budgetary compliance and budget adoption
- Obtain and review year-end financial reports
- Bank statement reviews of smaller local governments



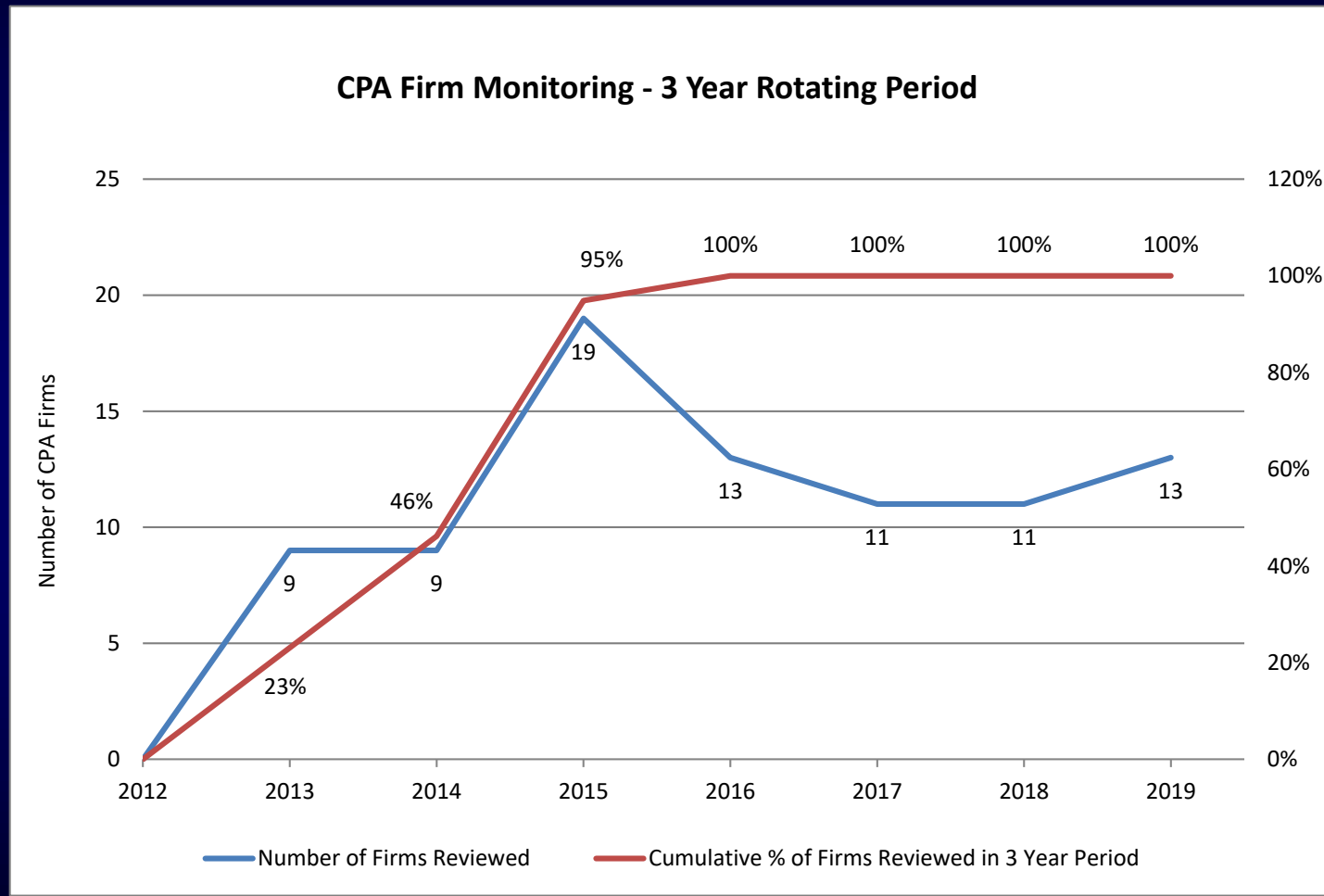
Local Government Oversight

- Provide on-line training
 - Introduction to Budgeting
 - Introduction to OPMA
 - Introduction to GRAMA
- CPA workpaper reviews



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Local Government Oversight



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Subpoenas Issued

Calendar Year	Subpoena Issued To	
	Public Entity or Official	Private Entity Regarding a Public Entity or Official
2019	4	17
2018	12	16
2017	4	12
2016	0	44
2015	11	25
2014	22	14



Special Projects / Hotline

- Investigate waste, fraud, and abuse
- Investigate allegations of public corruption
- Turn any potential criminal findings over to AG or county attorneys for prosecution



Special Projects / Hotline

- Special Project / Hotline reports issued this past year include:
 - Beaver County Waste Management Service District (Misappropriation)
 - County Clerk & Treasurer Functions and Duties Statutory Compliance (Fraud Prevention)
 - Unified Police Department Budget Analysis

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Information Technology Audit

- Review controls of systems with sensitive data
- Performs reviews of systems and applications in support of:
 - Financial statement audits
 - Single audit
 - Operations of the State



Information Technology Audit

- Network scans of local governments / cyber security
- Supports the risk assessment and security reviews of data systems for state and local governments



Information Technology Audit

- Information Technology Audits performed this past year include:
 - Department of Health
 - Utah State University
 - Southern Utah University
 - Dixie State University
 - Salt Lake Community College



OSA Staff Counts

(Includes Interns)	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Head Count						
High	56	58	62	60	61 *	61 *
Low	45	44	49	48	52 *	
FTE						
High	50	43	46	52	54 *	54 *
Low	42	40	40	42	51 *	
* Projected						



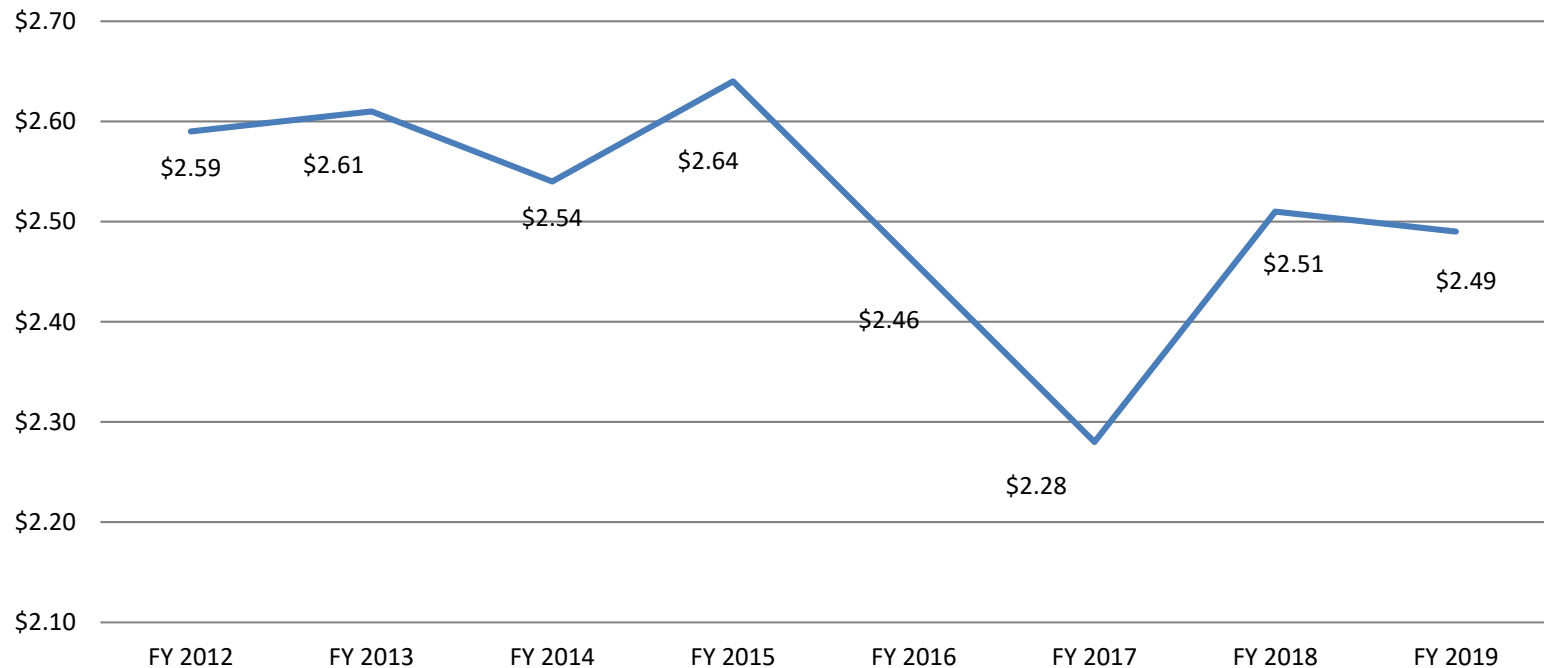
OSA Budget

	FY19 Actual	FY20 Authorized / Adjusted	FY21 Requested
Funding (rounded to hundreds):			
Beginning Balance - Carry Over	660,600	146,100	0
General Fund - On-Going	3,392,300	3,692,200	3,692,200
General Fund - One-Time	138,800	814,800	-
Dedicated Credits	2,590,900	2,998,700	2,986,000
Ending Balance	(146,100)	(0)	0
Total	6,636,500	7,651,800	6,678,200
Expenditures (rounded to hundreds):			
AA Personnel Services	5,341,000	6,282,200	5,615,200
BB Travel/In State	16,300	17,000	12,000
CC Travel/Out of State	20,400	17,000	10,000
DD Current Expense	777,700	748,900	771,800
EE Data Processing Current Expense	412,000	544,700	227,200
FF Data Processing Capital Expenditure	69,100	42,000	42,000
Total Expenditures	6,636,500	7,651,800	6,678,200



OSA Budget

Cost of Auditing per \$10,000 of State Expenditure



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OSA Budget Request

- Transparent Utah Upgrade
 - \$85K one-time maintain legacy site for another year
 - \$235K one-time for completed system upgrades
 - \$100K ongoing for operations, maintenance, and storage
- Healthcare Cost Tool
 - \$50K ongoing to annually update costs and maintain site



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